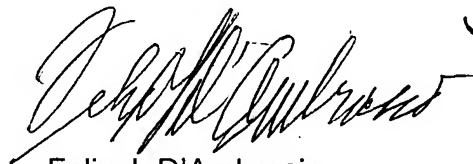


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to place them in better form for U.S. examination. Examination of the application as-amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felix J. D'Ambrosio', written in a cursive style.

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